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SUBJECT: JAPANESE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS

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1. E/C COUNS AND AGATT CALLED ON NOMURA (DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF) SEPT. 20 TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON JAPANESE QR'S AS INSTRUCTED REFS A AND C. EMBOFFS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED SUBSTANTIAL ENLARGEMENT OF ORANGE AND ORANGE JUICE QUOTAS AND REMINDED NOMURA OF CONTINUING USG INTEREST IN QUOTAS ON SEVERAL OTHER AGRI-CULTURAL COMMODITIES, ESPECIALLY BEEF AND OTHER FRUIT JUICES. IN CONCLUDING REMARKS E/C COUNS NOTED USG INTEREST IN QUOTAS ON COMPUTERS AND RELATED ITEMS AND INQUIRED WHETHER GOJ CONTEMPLATED ANY CHANGE IN PREVIOUSLY-ANNOUNCED LIBERALIZATION SCHEDULE.

2. IN RESPONSE NOMURA REFERRED TO CONTINUING FONOFF EFFORTS TO EXTEND TRADE LIBERALIZATION, BUT NOTED DOMESTIC IMPEDIMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL SIDE, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO MIKAN PRODUCTION. AGATT DESCRIBED IN SOME DETAIL SEASONAL NATURE OF MIKAN PRODUCTION AND NON-COM-PETITIVE NATURE OF QUOTA ENLARGEMENT FOR ORANGES DURING OFF-SEASON AS WELL AS MUTUAL BENEFITS OF ENLARGEMENT OF

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ORANGE JUICE QUOTA.

3. RE BEEF NOMURA CONCEDED THAT GOJ WOULD LIKELY HAVE TO TAKE SOME ACTION BEFORE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND (PRIME MINISTER CALED IN MAF VICE MINISTER RECENTLY TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE). NOMURA SAID GOJ WORKING ON (UNSPECIFIED) LONG RANGE SOLUTION TO BEEF PROBLEM.

4. NOMURA STATED HE UNAWARE ANY INTENTION OF GOJ TO ALTER COMPUTER LIBERALIZATION SCHEDULE.

5. IN CONCLUSION NOMURA PROMISED THAT OTHER AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY MAF, WOULD BE INFORMED OF EMBASSY'S REPRESENTATIONS AND THAT REPRESENTATIONS WOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY GOJ. HE AGREED THAT PROPOSED SUB-CABINET LEVEL BILATERAL MEETING WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION QR ISSUE.

6. AGATT WILL FOLLOW UP THIS SUBJECT WITH MAF.
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